

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2021

3:00 PM

N2-800

Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Salt Lake County Council Office, stated the agenda was created per the bylaws from the last Redistricting Commission ten years ago. He also noted that this meeting is being held electronically. Once a chair is elected, he will prepare written findings for that person to present.

Call In: Commission Member Alene Bentley
Commission Member Brian Maxwell
Commission Member Jeffrey Enquist
Commission Member Landon Clark
Commission Member Scott Riding
Commission Member Sylvia S. Andersen
Commission Member Yándary Chatwin

2. Public Comment

Mr. Steve Van Maren introduced himself to the Commission and thanked it for publishing the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Reports of Commission Members

5. Pending Business

6. New Business

6.1 Oath of Office for Commission Members

[21-0021](#)

Ms. Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the Commission Members.

6.2 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

[21-0022](#)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Salt Lake County Council Office, stated the chair and vice chair cannot be from the same political party.

A motion was made by Commission Member Riding, seconded by Commission

Member Andersen, to appoint Brian Maxwell as chair of the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commission Member Bentley
Commission Member Maxwell
Commission Member Enquist
Commission Member Clark
Commission Member Riding
Commission Member Andersen
Commission Member Chatwin

Commissioners discussed the role of the vice chair.

A motion was made by Commission Member Bentley, seconded by Commission Member Clark, to appoint Yandary Chatwin as vice chair of the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commission Member Bentley
Commission Member Maxwell
Commission Member Enquist
Commission Member Clark
Commission Member Riding
Commission Member Andersen
Commission Member Chatwin

6.3 Overview of Commission Duties

[21-0023](#)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Salt Lake County Council Office, reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Commission and noted the delay in receiving census data.

Mr. Jason Rose, Senior Attorney, District Attorney's Office, suggested the Commissioners discuss parameters the courts have put around redistricting.

Commissioners discussed the number of redistricting maps they can create, avoidance of displacing current County Council Members, re-balancing the districts in terms of population, creating maps with unanimous Commission support, the prohibition on creating additional districts, and massive growth in the valley.

6.4 Consideration of Draft Redistricting Committee Bylaws

[21-0024](#)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Salt Lake County Council Office, stated he will work with staff to update the bylaws for 2021 and bring them back to the next meeting for approval.

Commissioners discussed the length of their appointment, funding for consultants, support from County staff, tie votes and adding directions for such in the bylaws, and reimbursement rules.

Mr. Jason Rose, Senior Attorney, District Attorney’s Office, stated a tie vote is a failed vote, but the Commissioners could continue debate until a compromise was found. The Commissioners could also decide what level of specificity they wanted in the bylaws.

Mr. Park stated he would get clarity on County policy regarding reimbursement of expenses.

6.5 Schedule Date and Time of Next Commission Meeting(s)

[21-0025](#)

A motion was made by Commission Member Andersen, seconded by Commission Member Bentley, to set the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 AM as the standing meeting date for this Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION